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CIA Help to Curb El Salvador Voting Fraud Told

NEW YORK (AP)—CIA Director William J. Casey says his agency tried to help prevent election fraud in El Salvador earlier this year by supplying invisible ink to stamp the wrists of voters to prevent them from voting more than once, the New York Times reported Friday.

The newspaper also quoted Casey as saying the CIA shared intelligence information with the Salvadorans about planned arms shipments and guerrilla military tactics, including specific plans by insurgent forces to attack Salvadoran towns on the eve of the March 28 election.

Casey made the disclosures after a published allegation that the CIA "meddled" in the Central American country's affairs, according to the newspaper.

It quoted an intelligence source familiar with the CIA's Salvadoran operations as saying the Reagan Administration considered sending funds covertly to Jose Napoleon Duarte, the former junta president, and to the Christian Democratic Party to underwrite their campaign expenses.

It could not be determined whether such aid actually was approved and Casey refused to com-

ment on whether such discussions took place.

Deane R. Hinton, U.S. ambassador to El Salvador, reportedly opposed any CIA involvement in the election, feeling that any role, if discovered, would heighten anti-American feeling.

Casey said an article printed July 16 in the Wall Street Journal and later referred to by Robert E. White, former U.S. ambassador to El Salvador, in Tuesday's New York Times, prompted him to disclose the CIA's role in the Salvadoran elections.